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Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Commissioner's Report

* 624 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state with reference to Legislative Assembly Question No. 29 answered on 29th October 1957—

(*a*) whether the report has been received by the Government from the Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Board; and

(*b*) if so, what the contents are?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Sri Ranganathaswamy Devasthanam of Srirangam in Tiruchirappalli district owns inam lands to the extent of 33·48 acres of wet and 30·23 acres of dry under T.D. No. 1664 in the village of Kanjankollai in South Arcot district and this temple is under the control of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department.

Overbridge

* 625 *Q.*—Sri A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether the Government have received any grants from the Union Government for the construction of overbridges at level crossings in the City?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir. The Government of India have however approved the grant of financial assistance to this Government by way of loans to meet the Road Authorities' share of cost of construction of overbridges or subways. In this connection this Government have forwarded a loan application for Rs. 7 lakhs in respect of McNicholls Road overbridge under construction near Chetpet Railway Station. The Planning Commission have since informed this Government that they have approved this scheme being financed in 1957–58 from the loan assistance from the Ministry of Finance.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : Is there any proposal to construct an overbridge connecting Periamet and Chintadripet?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, there is no such proposal. Regarding the other proposals for the construction of overbridges that are under consideration, I would like to have notice.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Are the Government aware of the fact that the railway level crossing at Kodambakkam which connects the ' Hollywood ' of Madras is a very congested thoroughfare where not less than 25 cars pass per minute according to the statistics collected by the Police (Traffic) Department and if so, will they come forward to give first priority to the construction of an overbridge over that level-crossing after the construction of the overbridge in McNicholls Road? If they so come forward, may I know

what would be the allotment of money that the Government would expect from the Corporation of Madras in this regard?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Of course, there are so many requests for the construction of overbridges in several parts of the City. But, the Government have decided to give the next priority to the Tiruvottiyur High Road and the Lighthouse (Springhaven) Road.

Protected water-supply scheme

* 626 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount contributed so far by the panchayats for the protected water-supply scheme of Tenkasi town;

(*b*) the steps taken in 1957 to implement the water-supply scheme of Tenkasi;

(*c*) whether tenders have been called for, for laying pipe under the scheme; and

(*d*) if so, who the contractors and what the terms of the contract are?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Rs. 1,57,000.

(*b*) The first stage of the scheme, viz., laying and jointing the conveying mains, was technically sanctioned in August 1957. Arrangements were also made to procure the entire quantity of the pipes required and the pipes are being received at the site.

(*c*) Yes, Sir.

(*d*) The tenders are under examination by the Executive Engineer concerned.

SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : சர்க்கார் இந்த டெண்டர்களைப்பற்றி முடிவு செய்வதற்கு ஏதாவது காலவரையரை இருக்கிறதா? எப்பொழுது முடிவு செய்யப் போகிறார்கள்? எப்பொழுது வேலை தொடங்கும் ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட வேலையை பற்றி டெண்டர்கள் அநுகூலமாக இல்லாததால் டிபார்ட்மென்டே அந்த வேலையைச் செய்யலாம் என்ற உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறது. இன்னொரு வேலையைப்பற்றி பிப்ரவரியில் தான் டெண்டர்கள் வந்தன. அவற்றை பரிசீலனை செய்து கூடிய சீக்கிரம் முடிவு எடுக்கப்படும்.

Aluminium plant

* 627 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any priority has been given for setting up of an Aluminium plant near Kolhapur in the Bombay State and not in the Madras State as proposed by the Planning Commission; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for altering the priority that was given to this State?